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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS DRAFT CYPRUS RESOLUTION

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1. SINCE DISPATCH OF REFTTEL, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH BITSIOS. HE ALSO WAS REASSURING AND TOOK A RATHER LOFTY VIEW OF THE WHOLE CYPRUS EXERCISE HERE AT THE UN. HE FLATLY PREDICTED THAT, DESPITE WHAT HE PROFESSED TO REGARD AS TURKISH DEFECTION FROM PRIOR AGREEMENTS, UNGA DEBATE WOULD PRODUCE AN INNOCUOUS RESOLUTION. BITSIOS THOUGHT SUCH A RESULT WAS NECESSARY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA WHICH HE WAS COUNTING ON TO SET THE STAGE FOR SERIOUS DENKTASH-CLERIDES NEGOTIATIONS. BITSIOS EMPHASIZED THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY THE GREEKS.

2. DESPITE ASSURANCES GIVEN ME BY BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS, CONTACTS WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS AS LATE AS MID-DAY INDICATE
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THAT THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO JUMP THE TRACES. KYPRIANOU

TOLD MISOFF HE CONSIDERING BREAKING OFF DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIVE. HE SAID LAST NIGHT'S
BREAKDOWN WAS CAUSED BY TURKS' WELCHING ON AGREEMENT APPROVED
BY NON-ALIGNED. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD GET MORE
SUPPORT IF HE TOOK HIS CASE DIRECTLY TO WHOLE MEMBERSHIP OF
NON-ALIGNED GROUP. WHILE BITSIOS PROFESSED TO SHARE OUR
DESIRE FOR NON-DISRUPTIVE OUTCOME OF CYPRUS DEBATE, IT
REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER HE WILL IN FACT BE ABLE TO KEEP GREEK
CYPRIOTS UNDER CONTROL.

3. WE WILL BE TALKING TO NON-ALIGNED AND
OTHERS THIS AFTERNOON. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION
CLOSELY, ALTHOUGH NON-ALIGNED WORKING GROUP HAS RESUMED ACTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE PROSPECT IS MORE ENCOUAGING AT
THIS STAGE.
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